

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE  
AT KNOXVILLE

## **PRETRIAL ORDER**

This action came before the Court for a pretrial conference on July 22, 2008.

Assistant United States Attorney David Lewen was present as counsel for the government and Wesley Baker was present as counsel for the defendant. The defendant was not present.

I.

There are no pending motions in this case. However, defendant's counsel indicated that a motion might be filed regarding the detention location of the defendant.

II.

Trial procedures to be followed in this case are as follows:

(a) **Jury Selection.** The Court will conduct a preliminary voir dire examination of the jury, and then counsel will be permitted to conduct voir dire examination. The Court reserves the right to interrupt counsel and conduct voir dire on its own if counsel ask improper questions or if the proceedings are unnecessarily prolonged.

(b) **Peremptory Challenges.** Under Fed. R. Crim. P. 24(b)(2), the defendant is entitled to ten peremptory challenges and the government is entitled to six.

(c) **Novel Legal Issues for the Court.** No novel or unusual legal issues were identified as of the time of the pretrial conference.

(d) **Novel Evidentiary Issues for the Court.** No novel or unusual evidentiary problems were identified as of the time of the pretrial conference.

(e) **Special Requests for Jury Instructions.** If counsel have any special requests for instructions to the jury, the same shall be filed at least five (5) working days before trial.

(f) **Additional Motions.** No more motions, other than motions in limine, will be allowed to be filed in this cause of action by either side without prior leave of Court to do so, since the motion cut-off date has passed. All motions in limine must be filed at least five (5) working days before trial. Responses to motions in limine are due at least two (2) working days before trial.

(g) **Admissions and Stipulations.** Counsel should meet in advance of trial and carefully review the trial exhibits with a view toward stipulating the admissibility of as many exhibits as possible. Any admissions and stipulations of fact to be used at trial shall be signed by Defendant's attorney and the Defendant and filed at least five (5) working days before trial.

(h) **Courtroom Decorum.** Counsel are encouraged to familiarize themselves with Local Rule 83.3 and ensure that their clients are familiar with the contents of this rule.

### **III.**

This case will be set for a change of plea at **8:30 a.m. on August 5, 2008**, but only as to the drug charges, Counts One and Two of the First Superseding Indictment [Doc. 43]. This case will be set for trial before the Honorable Thomas W. Phillips and a jury, to commence at **9:00 a.m. on August 5, 2008**, but only as to Count Three of the First Superseding Indictment [Doc. 43], the witness retaliation charge.

If counsel have any objections to this Pretrial Order, such objection should be taken up pursuant to Local Rule 72.4(b), EDTN.

The chambers of Judge Phillips will contact counsel and schedule a final pretrial conference.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

ENTER:

s/ H. Bruce Guyton  
United States Magistrate Judge